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SUBJECT: ACTION MEMORANDUM - VISIT OF PRIME MINISTER

----- BIJEDIC; PROPOSED MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY

----- TO BIJEDIC(S/S NO. 7505608)

FOR THE SECRETARY FROM HARTMAN THROUGH SONNENFELDT

1. THE PROBLEM

THE FOLLOWING IS A TEXT OF A SUGGESTED PERSONAL MESSAGE
FROM YOU TO BIJEDIC WHICH WE WOULD PROPOSE TO GIVE TO HIM
SHORTLY BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE FROM NEW YORK FOR YUGOSLAVIA
AT 10:00 P.M. LOCAL MARCH 22. BEGIN TEXT:

HIS EXCELLENCY, DZEMAL BIJEDIC, PRESIDENT OF THE FEDERAL
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF THE SOCIALIST FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF
YUGOSLAVIA. DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: I VERY MUCH REGRET THAT
BECAUSE OF MY CONTINUING INVOLVEMENT IN THE CRUCIAL MIDDLE
EAST NEGOTIATIONS I WAS UNABLE TO SEE YOU DURING YOUR VISIT
TO OUR COUNTRY.

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I UNDERSTAND THAT YOUR MEETINGS WITH PRESIDENT FORD, ACTING SECRETARY INGERSOLL AND OTHER GOVERNMENTAL OFFICIALS WENT WELL AND GAVE BOTH SIDES THE OPPORTUNITY TO CONTINUE THE FRANK AND CONSTRUCTIVE EXCHANGE OF VIEWS WHICH HAVE CHARACTERIZED OUR PAST MEETINGS. WE LOOK FORWARD TO

INCREASED COOPERATION BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES AS WE FACE THE PROBLEMS AHEAD, ESPECIALLY THOSE INVOLVING MULTILATERAL ECONOMIC ISSUES.

PLEASE CONVEY MY WARM GREETINGS TO PRESIDENT TITO AND ACCEPT MY BEST WISHES FOR YOUR CONTINUED HEALTH AND WELLBEING. BEST REGARDS, HENRY A. KISSINGER. END TEXT.

2. BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS:

BIJEDIC'S VISIT HAS GONE WELL ALTHOUGH IT HAS NOT RPT NOT BROKEN MUCH NEW SUBSTANTIVE GROUND. BOTH THE ACTING SECRETARY, IN TALKS WITH BIJEDIC, AND THE COUNSELOR, IN A SEPARATE MEETING WITH DEPUTY FOREIGN SECRETARY MOJSOV, EMPHASIZED THAT UNRESTRAINED YUGOSLAV PROPAGANDA DIRECTED AT THE U.S. WILL BE HARMFUL TO OUR RELATIONS.

WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE USEFUL AND APPROPRIATE FOR YOU TO SEND A PERSONAL MESSAGE TO BIJEDIC PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE FROM THE U.S.

3. EUR RECOMMENDS THAT YOU APPROVE THE PROPOSED MESSAGE.

4. RECOMMENDATION:

THAT YOU APPROVE THE TEXT OF THE PERSONAL MESSAGE.

APPROVE DISAPPROVE

5. CLEARED: C - SONNENFELDT. INGERSOLL

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